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SUBJECT: FEB 2 MESSAGE TO SECRETARY

REF: PARIS 3330

REQUEST EMBASSY DELIVER FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM THE  
SECRETARY TO PRESIDENT SENGHOR: QUOTE. DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

I APPRECIATED RECEIVING YOUR FEB 2 MESSAGE WHICH, IN ADDI-  
TION TO SUPPORTING DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN ISRAELIS  
AND PALESTINIANS, RAISED THE ISSUE OF OUR ALLOWING A  
REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION,  
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SABRI ELIAS JIRYIS, TO COME TO THE U.S. TO OPEN A PLO  
INFORMATION OFFICE IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

IN LATE 1976, WHEN MR. JIRYIS ATTEMPTED TO REMAIN IN THE  
UNITED STATES TO OPEN A PLO INFORMATION OFFICE IN  
WASHINGTON, WE SAID THAT WE DID NOT CONSIDER THE MOMENT  
PROPITIOUS FOR SUCH A STEP. WE AGAIN GAVE THE MATTER

CAREFUL CONSIDERATION THIS YEAR. AT A TIME WHEN WE HAVE BEEN GIVING SPECIAL ATTENTION TO MIDDLE EAST PEACE AND HAVE BEEN CONSIDERING THE OPTIONS OPEN TO US, WE DECIDED THAT THE TIME WAS NOT RIGHT FOR AN ALTERATION IN OUR PREVIOUS ATTITUDE TOWARDS THE OPENING OF A PLO OFFICE IN WASHINGTON.

THE ADMISSION OF PALESTINIAN REPRESENTATIVES TO THIS COUNTRY FOR THE PURPOSE OF OPENING A PLO OFFICE IN WASHINGTON MUST OF COURSE BE EXAMINED IN THE CONTEXT OF OUR GENERAL POLICY TOWARDS THE PLO. WE HAVE TAKEN THE POSITION, AS YOU KNOW, THAT RECOGNITION OF OR FORMAL CONTACTS WITH THAT ORGANIZATION ARE NOT POSSIBLE SO LONG AS THE PLO REFUSES TO ACCEPT THE RIGHT OF ISRAEL TO EXIST AS AN INDEPENDENT STATE IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND SO LONG AS IT REJECTS THE RELEVANT UN SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS ESTABLISHING A FRAMEWORK FOR A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT OF THE ARAB-ISRAELI CONFLICT.

I VERY MUCH APPRECIATED, HOWEVER, YOUR VIEWS ON THESE MATTERS OF MUTUAL INTEREST, AND I HOPE YOU WILL CONTINUE TO SHARE YOUR THINKING WITH ME. SINCERELY, CYRUS R. VANCE.  
END QUOTE.  
VANCE

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